



RE: Proceeding No. 15-149
Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

The Texas Capitol Schoolhouse (TCSH) gives students and teachers from across the state the opportunity to showcase how technology is being used to improve public schools with the help of state funding. Our goal over the last 20 years of TCSH existence has been to show government officials and the general public the power of technology in achieving high learning outcomes for the students of Texas. We demonstrate technology on a variety of devices, and encourage greater use of innovation in the classroom.

Our efforts are greatly strengthened by strong broadband support. Without an affordable and reliable high-speed connection, the state of the art technology we use is ineffective and the TCSH would not be able to function. The proposed broadband company New Charter would be a great community partner, and its products would aid our students' development and serve our mission. Our most recent broadband partner, Time Warner Cable, has supported the TCSH with wireless Internet. We know that Time Warner has a massive presence in Texas and is a provider to more than 150 public schools. We are excited about the company's potential merger with Charter Communications and Bright House Networks and believe the move will bring greater investment in innovation and a renewed commitment to education.

New Charter has said it would work closely with schools to ensure that students and teachers work with high-speed broadband. The company is committed to investing in fiber optics and full digitization, plans which would benefit all consumers, including schools. New Charter has publicly stated that it aims to continue valuable local partnerships and improve customer care throughout its national footprint.

We believe New Charter would contribute greatly to our mission, and we hope that the merger is approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deborah V. Jolly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deborah" and last name "Jolly" clearly legible.

Dr. Deborah Jolly
Executive Director, Texas Capitol Schoolhouse